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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 103-116 are in the application.  
Selected claims are further amended, and claim 117 is canceled, as a basis for our further telephonic discussion directed to placing the claims in condition as will support allowance of the present application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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